Drug Testing Labs

†2489. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 61 drug testing laboratories and pharmacies established in the country under Government sector which are provided financial assistance by the Central Government;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard and the total number of the above institutions in the year 2005; and

(c) the average number of drugs tested annually during the last three years in each institution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Central Government, under its Capacity Building Project for Food and Drugs is providing financial assistance to a total of 25 States and Central Drug Testing Laboratories. All these laboratories were functioning during the year 2005.

(c) As per the available information following number of samples have been tested in these laboratories during the last three years:—

Year	No. of samples tested
2002-2003	43138
2003-2004	40862
2004-2005	49287

Three Year Medical Courses

†2490. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States which run three year medical courses;

(b) whether these are recognized by the Medical Council of India; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) what are the reasons for not according recognition to medical colleges with three year courses in Chhattisgarh by the Medical Council of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) As per Medical Council of India Regulations on Graduate Medical Education, 1997, the duration of MBBS course is five and half years including one year compulsory rotating internship. So far as recognition of three years medical courses in Chhattisgarh is concerned, the Medical Council of India has informed that the Council is not in favour of recognizing courses of shorter duration than prescribed in the Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 1997.

NRHM in Hoshiarpur, Punjab

2491. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of programmes started in Hoshiarpur District of Punjab under National Rural Health Mission Scheme;

(b) the amount allocated during the last two years, year-wise; and

(c) the details of work done during the period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The National Rural Health Mission has been launched on 12th April, 2005. It covers the entire country with special focus on 18 States for providing integrated comprehensive and effective primary healthcare to the poor, vulnerable sections of the society. The Mission is also functioning in the State of Punjab. The first year of the Mission is the preparatory phase during which the institutional mechanisms for the implementation of the Mission have been laid down.

In the State of Punjab, the departments of Health and Family Welfare have been merged for better coordination of the various activities. The State has also set up the basic institutional framework of the Mission including the State and District Health Missions. The State has also merged the various societies under different programmes. All Rogi Kalyan Samitis at district level and CHCs level have been set up.